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Summit of Hope Aims to Improve Job Opportunities for Ex-Offenders

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Corrections is partnering with Willow Creek Community Church to give ex-offenders a better chance at finding a job and taking control of their lives. For the very first time at the Summit of Hope, ex-offenders will have an opportunity to have a tattoo removed, which for some is a critical step toward increasing their employment odds.

The Summit of Hope is being held Tuesday, August 23rd at 67 East Algonquin Road in South Barrington, Illinois. About 1,000 parolees and probationers have been invited to attend the event where they can meet with employers, get health screenings, housing information, haircuts, and more. And, each parolee and probationer who attends the event will leave with a complimentary bag of groceries, provided by the church.

The Summit of Hope is a program designed to help ex-offenders move past barriers that may prevent them from leading a successful life. The objective is to reduce the recidivism rate by giving parolees and probationers the tools they need to live a life free of crime. A crime-free life for ex-offenders translates into safer communities for everyone.

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: The Summit of Hope, an expo organized and run by the Illinois Department of Corrections

WHEN: Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016; 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Media should arrive between 9:30am and 11:30am.

WHERE: Willow Creek Community Church, 67 East Algonquin Road, South Barrington, IL 60010.
Parking available in Lot E and Lot F 632**16

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